

Voluntary Retirement Scheme

104. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers and employees availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme from public sector or sick public undertakings till March 31, 1997;

(b) the total number of workers retrenched in public/private sector till March 31, 1997; and

(c) the total number of workers in the textiles mills under National Textile Corporation deprived of their provident fund dues, gratuities and other benefits till March 31, 1997?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Power Projects on Coastal Line

105. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up coal based Thermal Power Stations on the coastal lines of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost involved and power generations capacity of each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) At present there is no firm proposal under the consideration of any PSU of the Central Government to set up a thermal power station along the coast of Tamilnadu or Karnataka though suggestions have been made by the Tamilnadu Electricity Board to NTPC for considering up certain power stations in Tamilnadu.

Budget for Unani System

106. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated by the Government for purchase of Unani Medicines for CGHS Unani Dispensaries/Units in New Delhi/Delhi during the year 1996-97;

(b) the amount utilised till February 28, 1997 out of the allocated budget;

(c) whether due to the purchase of medicines of more than forty lakhs during March, 1997 only, the Unani Store

could not check the quality and quantity supplied by the suppliers;

(d) if so, the reason for placing such heavy order during March, 1997; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) A budget of Rs. 86 lakhs was allocated for purchase of Unani medicines for CGHS dispensaries/units under CGHS Delhi during the year 1996-97. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 36,66,551/- was utilised till October 1996.

(c) to (e) As per procedure, buffer stock of medicines for three months in addition to the supply for March, 1997 was required to be made. Therefore, the necessary orders were placed for procuring the medicine after checking of the quality of the medicines by a Committee set up for the purpose. The quantity was also checked as per laid down procedure.

[Translation]

Demand and Supply of Power in U.P.

107. DR. BALIRAM :
SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand and supply of power in U.P. at present;

(b) the total number of power stations functions in Uttar Pradesh at present and the total quantum of power generated by each of them during the last two years;

(c) whether the Government are proposed to increase the capacity of power generation in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The details of the power supply position in Uttar Pradesh during Oct. 1997 are as under:—

October, 1997			
	Energy (MU)		Peak (MW)
Requirement	3460	Peak Demand	6350
Availability	3085	Peak met	5243
Shortage	375	Deficit	1107
%	10.8	%	17.4